(Rs. in lakhs)

Name of work	Sanctioned amount
New Connectivity Gadsari to Kharshali road	142.88
Jitata to Dalli road	98.00
Link road to village Kulgaon Sharoii	172.00
Chirgaon to Chilala road	91.72
Nandla to Jhalwari road	154.40
Dhagoli to Gaonsari road	146.36
Link road to village Telga	135.35
Upgradation	
Samoli to Gwas road	338.58

(d) and (e) The State Government has informed that the work for metalling and tarring of initial reaches of Simoli-Batwari road has been taken up under National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) assistance and is in progress. The State Government has further intimated that the balance reaches of this road would be taken up under PMGSY.

Developing Rural Information System in the country

3780. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to develop Rural Information System in the country, to facilitate rural people to access information they need for development in various spheres of life; and

(b) if so, the details of the steps proposed to be taken in this regard, and if not, the reason therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) and (b) The Government has recently approved a Scheme for providing support for establishing 100,000 broadband, internet enabled, Common Service Centers (CSCs) in rural areas of the country. These Centers would be

opened in the ratio of 1 CSC for every 6 Census villages in a State. These Centers would provide a mix of Government and private services in rural areas.

Amending Land Acquisition Act, 1894

3781. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received representations from NGOs to amend the Land Acquisition Act, 1894;

(b) if so, Government have made any effort to invite such NGOs and the concerned citizens and farmers, for a meeting;

(c) if net, how Government would respond to demand of NGOs and others;

(d) whether it is a fact that Government are avoiding getting wide opinion on the harm done by Land Acquisition Act; and

(e) the steps proposed to take opinion and solve the problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) to (e) No representations has been received from NGOs in this Ministry to amend the Land Acquisition Act, 1894. However, some demands on those lines have been made in the public comments received on the draft National Rehabilitation Policy-2006 when that draft was placed in the public domains. Wide-ranging consultations have been held by this Ministry in revising the National Policy on Resettlement & Rehabilitation for Project Affected Families-2003. Also, a meeting with a group of people from outside the Government who have been actively involved in rehabilitation matters, was held by this Ministry. The proposed objectives of the new draft policy are to minimize displacement and to promote, as far as possible; non-displacing or least displacing alternatives, ensure adequate rehabilitation packages and expeditious implementation of the rehabilitation process with the active participation of the displaced persons. Necessary amendments to Land Acquisition Act, 1894 to bring in fonformity with the National Rehabilitation policy are also being examined. However, the matter is not yet finalised.